



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 29, 2000

H.R. 3995 **District of Columbia Receivership Accountability Act of 2000**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs
on September 27, 2000*

H.R. 3995 would require agencies of the District of Columbia that are in receivership to follow certain budgeting, management, and procurement practices. Currently, two District agencies—Child and Family Services and the Commission on Mental Health Services—are administered by court-appointed receivers. Because the legislation would apply only to agencies of the District of Columbia, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3995 would have no impact on the federal budget. The legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 3995 contains an intergovernmental mandate because it effectively would require the departments within the District of Columbia that are currently administered by a court-appointed receiver to adopt certain management practices to improve their financial stability. CBO estimates that the costs of complying with this mandate would be minimal, and thus would not exceed the threshold established in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (\$55 million in 2000, adjusted annually for inflation). The legislation contains no private-sector mandates as defined in that act.

On May 31, 2000, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3995 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Government Reform on May 18, 2000. The two versions of this legislation are identical, as are our cost estimates.

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